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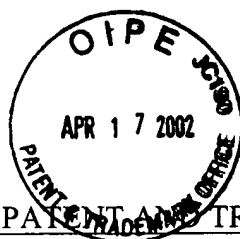
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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Search Report mailed March 22, 2002.

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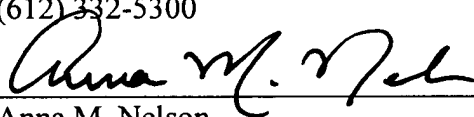
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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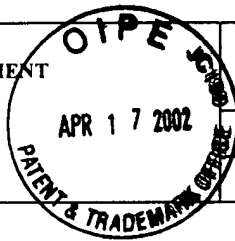
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	2,037,821	04/21/1936	Prabell			
	2,599,853	06/10/1952	McClain et al.			
	4,195,747	04/01/1980	Hare			
	4,522,301	06/11/1985	Ajmera			
	5,124,519	06/23/1992	Roy et al.			
	5,510,135	04/23/1996	Galder			

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